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TAGS: OAS, SHUM, UY

SUBJ: VIII OASGA VOTE POSTPONEMENT: PRESS COVERAGE AND
GUIDANCE

REF: MONTEVIDEO 0299

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. LATEST POSTPONEMENT OF VOTE ON
GOU INVITATION TO VIII OASGA RECEIVED PROMINENT ALBEIT
LIMITED COVERAGE IN THE MONTEVIDEO FRIDAY (JANUARY 26)
MORNING PAPERS.

2. PRO-GOVERNMENT "EL PAIS" CARRIED FRONT PAGE BANNER
"OAS DECIDES TUESDAY WHETHER URUGUAY WILL BE SITE" WITH
STORY IN SECOND SECTION UNDER SAME BANNER AND SUBHEADING,
"U.S. POSITION SUBJECT TO LETTER FROM CARTER." CITING AN
AP DESPATCH FROM WASHINGTON, "EL PAIS" STATED THAT "LAST
HOUR NEGOTIATIONS YESTERDAY AGAIN PREVENTED A FINAL
DECISION" AND THAT OAS WOULD MEET AGAIN NEXT TUESDAY TO
CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER. "EL PAIS" ADDED THAT
"THE DELAY COME ABOUT AT A MOMENT WHEN PRIVATE SOURCES WERE
RELEASING A LETTER IN WHICH URUGUAYAN LEADERS WERE WARNED THAT
"THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT CONTEMPLATE ANY
CHANGE IN ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD THAT COUNTRY UNTIL THERE
IS AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION THERE."
THE PAPER ALSO NOTED THAT "IT IS KNOWN, HOWEVER, THAT THE
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U.S. HAS NOT OFFOCALLY ANNOUNCED ITS POSITION IN EX-
PECTATION OF A RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO THE
LETTER THAT PRESIDENT MENDEZ SENT HIM."

3. BOTH "EL DIA" AND "LA MANANA" LIMITED THEIR COVERAGE
OF THE STORY TO SHORT BOXES ON INSIDE PAGES SIMPLY RE-
PORTING THE POSTPONEMENT UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: WE ANTICIPATE THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN IAS AND VISIT OF SPECIAL GOU MISSION TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH IAHR, WHEN IT BECOMES KNOWN, WILL RECEIVE HEAVY PRESS PLAY. GOU SPOKESMEN WILL BE UNDER PRESSURE TO COMMENT AND MAY WELL TAKE A PUBLIC STANCE HERE WHICH DOES NOT ACCURATELY PORTRAY WHAT IS ACTUALLY GOING ON IN ORDER TO COVER THEMSELVES INTERNALLY. IN KEEPING WITH WARNING IN PARA 7 REFTEL THAT ANY OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF USG INTERMEDIARY ROLE COULD ABORT ENTIRE EFFORT, EMBASSY WILL REFUSE TO MAKE ANY COMMENT ON VISIT OF GOU TEAM OR RELATED DEVELOPMENTS IN OAS. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT DO LIKEWISE. WE WILL BE INFORMALLY ADVISING APPROPRIATE GOU OFFICIALS OF LINE THAT EMBASSY WILL TAKE WITH THE MEDIA AND REQUESTING THAT GOU, IF IT COMMENTS, AVOID ANY STATEMENTS THAT MIGHT REVEAL USG ROLE OR FORCE US TO DEPART FROM OUR "NO COMMENT" POSITION.
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